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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated December 18, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

In the Abstract:

Please delete the present abstract and substitute the following:

--A breathable article for disposition between the skin of a wearer and an outside surface. The breathable article has a plurality of perforations which interconnect an inner side adapted to contact the wearer and an outer side designed to contact the outside surface. Each perforation has an outwardly-extending, flexible dome-like projection which defines an internal cavity, and ribs or spacer members on the outer side of the article, thereby improving

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